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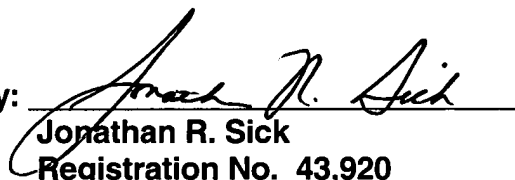
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**Introductory Comments**

This Paper responds to the Office Action mailed October 24, 2005, and is timely because it is being filed within the three-month time period set for response. Applicants respectfully submit that the claims of the present application, as amended, are patentable at least for the reasons discussed hereafter.